June 20, 2003

Via Overnight Mail

Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

## Re: D.T. E. 03-45 – Request of Richmond Telephone Company ("Richmond") for Active Party Status.

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Richmond Telephone Company ("Richmond") is an incumbent rural local exchange carrier operating in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In compliance with D.T.E. 03-45, Hearing Officer Notice Soliciting Comments on Whether the Department Should Open an Investigation to Establish an Instate Universal Service Fund.., Richmond is requesting Active Party Status.

In addition, please add the following individual to the service list.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at (610) 928-3904.

Sincerely,

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